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ADMINISTRATION SAYS CIA WILL NOT TAKE PART IN DEMOCRACY PROMOTION PLAN  
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A senior State Department official said Monday there will be no CIA involvement in President Reagan's proposed \$65 million program to promote democracy around the world.

Lawrence S. Eagleburger, the undersecretary of state, said the possibility of including covert CIA activities in the program was discussed, but was rejected at senior levels of the administration.

"There will be no CIA involvement," Eagleburger said. "Anything done under this program will be done in full view of the public and will be submitted to the Congress for approval."

Eagleburger spoke at a news conference that seemed to have been called primarily to dispel what the administration felt were mistaken impressions about the program, which President Reagan first unveiled in a speech to the British Parliament last June.

Reagan had said the program would reflect a commitment by the United States to engage more vigorously in a peaceful "competition of ideas and values" with the Soviet Union.

Eagleburger said CIA involvement "would kill" the program because it would serve as "a pretext to discredit the entire project."

In addition to speculation about possible CIA involvement, Eagleburger said another false impression is that some of the \$65 million would be used for a public relations campaign to try to promote installation of U.S.-made nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

Not only is that a wrong impression, said Eagleburger, but the program isn't aimed at Western Europe. He said its primary aim would be to strengthen democratic institutions where such institutions are now weak, or threatened, such as in many nations in Latin America, Africa and Asia. He did not name any countries.

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